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Memorandum

TO: Elderly and Disabled Advisory Committee DATE: Feb. 29, 2008

FR: Therese Knudsen and Jennifer Yeamans

RE: <u>Lifeline Program Overview</u>

Lifeline Program Overview

MTC's Lifeline Transportation Program is intended to fund community-based projects that improve mobility for the Bay Area's low-income population. In the Transportation 2030 Plan adopted in 2005, MTC committed \$216 million over the plan's 25-year horizon to fund Lifeline Transportation projects. Since this funding was not expected to be available until FY 2008/09, MTC established a three-year \$18 million interim Lifeline program for FY 05/06–07/08. MTC recommended that this interim program be administered locally by the nine county congestion management agencies (CMAs), with funding assigned to each county based on its share of the region's low-income population. In July 2007, MTC committed an additional \$143 million in funds to the program for the next 10 years.

Lifeline Program Evaluation

When MTC adopted the interim Lifeline program, the Commission requested an administrative evaluation the program at the end of the three-year funding cycle to report on program results and recommend future programmatic oversight for the program's long-term future.

At your request, MTC staff will present at your March 6th meeting an overview of the Lifeline program and the evaluation currently under way.